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SUBJECT: LDP REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO SECURITY TREATY

SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO PRESS, IN JULY 28 POLICY STATEMENT, LDP NATIONAL SECURITY RESEARCH COUNCIL DECLARED TIME HAS COME FOR GOJ TO ASSUME INCREASED SHARE OF MST BURDEN. ADDITIONALLY SAID MST HAS CONTRIBUTED TO EASED TENSIONS IN ASIA AND HAS MADE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO JAPAN. DOCUMENT ALSO CALLED FOR MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN JSDF. END SUMMARY

1. LDP NATIONAL SECURITY RESEARCH COUNCIL, CHAIRED BY FORMER EDUCATION MINISTER (1965-67) KIICHI ARITA, ISSUED JAPAN SECURITY POLICY STATEMENT ON JULY 28. ACCORDING PRESS, DOCUMENT DECLARED TIME HAS COME FOR JAPAN TO MAKE QTE DUE CONTRIBUTION UNQTE TOWARD EASING USG BURDEN UNDER MST. DID NOT, HOWEVER, SPELL OUT FORM CONTRIBUTION SHOULD TAKE.

2. PRESS ALSO EMPHASIZED FOLLOWING AS KEY POINTS MADE IN STATEMENT : (A) MST OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO JAPAN IN BOTH SECURITY AND ECONOMIC TERMS, AND IT SHOULD BE FIRMLY MAINTAINED; (B) EXISTENCE OF TREATY WAS KEY FACTOR IN EASING TENSIONS IN ASIA; WITHOUT EXISTING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, SINO-AMERICAN SUMMIT TALKS AND NORMALIZATION SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED; (C) AT SAME
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TIME, BECAUSE UNCERTAINTIES REMAIN IN ASIA, TO CHANGE

COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM WOULD INCREASE TENSIONS; AND
(D) SAFE TRANSPORT OF OIL FROM ABROAD HAS BEEN DUE LARGELY
TO PRESENCE US FORCES IN JAPAN.

3. NEWS ACCOUNTS SAID LDP ALSO CALLED FOR STRENGTHENING
OF JSDF. PROPOSED MEASURES INCLUDED: (A) EXPANSION OF
NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL, (B) CREATION OF STANDING SECURITY
COMMITTEE IN DIET, (C) STOCKPILING FOOD AND RESOURCES, ALONG
WITH DIVERSIFICATION OF SUPPLY SOURCES, (C) ESTABLISHMENT
OF LEGISLATIVE SECURITY MEASURESTO COPE WITH EMERGENCIES, AND
(E) UPGRADING OF DEFENSE AGENCY TO MINISTRY STATUS.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED FULL JAPANESE LANGUAGE
TEXT OF STATEMENT AND WILL PROVIDE FOLLOW-UP COMMENT AFTER
STUDY.
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